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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 466  
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A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Dr. Walter Douglas  
Hankins of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Walter Douglas Hankins; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hankins was an exemplary person and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, A native of Century, West Virginia, he was the son of Dr. John L. Hankins and Susan Taylor Hankins, and had been a resident of Johnson City since 1921; and

WHEREAS, A sterling scholar, Dr. Walter Douglas Hankins was a 1927 graduate of Science Hill High School; he attended Virginia Military Institute and was a 1934 graduate of the University of Virginia where he received a degree in medicine; he subsequently completed his one-year rotating internship at Virginia Mason Hospital, Seattle, and his two-year radiology residence at UVA; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Hankins began his illustrious career in radiology at Appalachian Hospital in 1937; and

WHEREAS, He served in the United States Army Medical Corps from 1942-1946, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel; he honorably served as Chief of Radiology at Ft. Banks Station Hospital in Boston, Cushing General Hospital in Framingham, Massachusetts, and the 142<sup>nd</sup> General Hospital in Calcutta, India; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of his profession, Dr. Walter Douglas Hankins was a member of the Tennessee Medical Association, the Washington-Unicoi-Johnson County Medical Association of which he served as the first President; the American Roentgen Ray Society; and the Radiological Society of North America; he was a fellow of the American College of Radiology and the American Medical Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hankins lent his time and considerable leadership skills to numerous professional organizations, including serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Johnson City Medical Center, the Board of Trustees of Edgar Tufts Memorial Association, and the Board of Trustees of Cannon Memorial Hospital in Banner Elk, North Carolina, where he served for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Dr. Hankins distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Douglas Hankins astutely served as a Consultant at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Mountain Home, and as President of the Tennessee Division of the American Cancer Society, the Tennessee Radiological Society, and the Memorial Hospital Medical Staff; he also was Vice-President of the Tennessee Radiological Society, Chairman of the Tri-City Cancer Clinic, and a co-founder of the Medical History Museum; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hankins was a valuable member of the Johnson City Kiwanis Club, Alpha Omega Honorary Medical Fraternity, First Johnson City Charter Commission, Hurstleigh Club, and the Johnson City Country Club, where he helped establish the club's tennis program; and

WHEREAS, He was a devout and active member of St. Johns' Episcopal Church; and  
WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Douglas Hankins was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hankins will be greatly missed by his loving wife of sixty-one years, Helen Moyler Hankins; his daughter, Helen Calvert Williams, his son-in-law, Edwin Winston Williams, and his grandson, Walter Hankins Mathes; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of his community, he was the epitome of a kind neighbor and citizen; he was a wonderful human being and was loved by all who were privileged to have known him; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walter Douglas Hankins leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in his professional life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dr. Walter Douglas Hankins, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to his family and community, and the courage and conviction with which he lived.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Dr. Walter Douglas Hankins.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.